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THE Naval Preparations of the French at Dunkirk make a great Noiſe in this Country. The Miniſters and Generals of the Allies ſeem to be in ſome Perplexity, but the People of theſe Provinces ſhew little Uneaſineſs about it. The Advices from the Hague tell us many reaſon variously there on this Subject. Some ſay it will be eaſy for the Engliſh to prevent the Execution of the Enterprize, and that 'twas already adviſ'd they had 26 Men of War cruizing between Mardike and Dunkirk; that they will be reinforc'd daily by others, without reckoning the Ships that are fitting out in Holland with the utmoſt Diligence; and that 'tis probable the Deſign form'd, is only to hinder the Allies from ſending to Spain and Portugal a Fleet with Succours of Men and Money, while France and Spain make their greateſt Efforts there; but that after neceſſary Meaſures are taken in this Country, it will be time enough to ſend neceſſary Aſſiſtance to the King of Portugal and the Archduke. Others allow the Engliſh may be able to hinder the Dunkirk Squadron from getting out, provided they can with ſufficient Speed put aboard their Ships their full Compliments of Men with Proviſions and Ammunition ſo early in the Year: But they likewiſe argue, that ſhould the King of England, who, ſay all the Advices from Flanders, arriv'd at Dunkirk the 9th, lie quiet there all the Campaign, it would be difficult to ſend Fleets and Succours ſufficient toSpain, becauſe there would always be cauſe to apprehend that Prince's having Intelligence in Ireland, Scotland, and even in England, or France's having ſome Deſign on Flanders or Zealand. Theſe Preparations have already made the Allies beſtir themſelves on all Hands: M. Cadogan has caus'd ſome Engliſh Troops to march towards the Coaſts of the Spaniſh Flanders, to oppoſe a Deſcent there, or to be imbark'd and tranſported to England. M. Fagel has drawn others towards the Dutch Flanders and Zealand. In the mean time the Enemy's Army may enter the Spaniſh Netherlands, and the Allies cannot make Head againſt them with all their Forces: Beſides, it would be a Mortification to them to be reduc'd to act on the defenſive, and to be continually in Alarm. Letters from London of the 6th and 9th of this Month, import, that all was in Agitation for oppoſing the naval Force from Dunkirk. Sir John Leake who ſail'd from Portſmouth the 16th of laſt Month for Portugal, with 9 Engliſh and 6 Dutch Men of War, and 80 Merchant Ships or Tranſports having on Board 3 Regiments of Foot of one Battallion each, and who put into Torbay becauſe of contrary Winds, had Order ſent him to ſtop *there* till further Direction, and came to *Spithead* the 6th with all the Fleet. Sir John Jennings, Sir George Byng, and my Lord Durſely, were ſail'd towards Dunkirk with 26 or 28 Men of War, tho' weakly mann'd, but Endeavours were uſing to compleat their Crews, and the Watermen of the Thames had offer'd to furniſh 500 Seamen on 8 Days Notice. In ſhort, 'twas given out, that there would be 50 Men of War at Sea by the End of this Month; and to facilitate the manning of them, an Imbargo was laid in all the Ports, in Order to make uſe of the Seamen belonging to Merchant-ſhips, which will prove a great Detriment to Commerce. As for their Preparations by Land, a Regiment of Dragoons which was ſent for from Scotland to be tranſported to the Netherlands, was countermanded. The 2 Squadrons of the Regiment of Carpenter which is in England, were ſent towards Scotland. Five Companies of the Regiment of Pendergraſs which were ready to imbark for Flanders, were order'd to march towards the Coaſts of Kent. The Regiments in Ireland, Part of which were deſign'd for Portugal, had Orders ſent them to hold themſelves in a Readineſs. We in this Country, as well as the Dutch, are ſurpriz'd that ſo inconſiderable a Force as is fixed out at Dunkirk ſhould cauſe ſo great a Stir.

Paris, March 24. The Squadron of Ships which the King has caus'd to be fitted out to carry the King of England to Scotland, put out of the Road of Dunkirk the 17th of this Month between 5 and 6 a Clock in the Evening, with a fair Wind. Four Hours after, it chang'd; and they were oblig'd to anchor between the Sands, on the Coaſt from Newport to Oſtend; where they lay till the 19th, and then ſtood out to Sea at 11 a Clock at Night, with a good Wind. They were out of Sight of the Coaſts the 20th in the Morning, the Weather intirely favouring them. Three Veſſels only, of which 2 were Tranſports, put back into Dunkirk. They are ſuppos'd to be ſince ſail'd to re-joyn the Squadron from which they were ſeparated. Two other Frigates, which went out ſome Days before, have taken 6 Ships bound for Newfoundland

Hague, March 27. 'We continue very impatient to hear what becomes of the Dunkirk Squadron, having yet had no manner of Account of that, or of the Britiſh, ſince their ſailing from this Side of the Sea. 'Tis no longer a Queſtion what Expedition they are upon: For in a circulary Letter written by the King of France to his Miniſters reſiding at the neutral Courts, he himſelf openly declares 'tis againſt Scotland. Extracts of that Letter are handed about here, and I ſend you one: There is nothing remarkable in it, except a Falſity in Fact concerning the Chevalier Nangy. The Britiſh Forces deſign'd to be tranſported to England from Oſtend, are ready; but not ſail'd for Want of Convoy. We are in Hope after all, that this Enterprize of France is but an Effort of Deſpair, and that will turn to their Confuſion and Prejudice: All we apprehend from it, is that it may detain the Duke of Marlborough in England; in which Apprehenſion a foreign Miniſter hinted Yeſterday to the great Penſionary, the Expedient of detaining Prince Eugene when he comes hither, and and putting him at the Head of the Forces in the Netherlands: This Motion is well reliſh'd. It has been reſolv'd to ſend for the Troops of Heſſe-Caſſel, that return'd from Piemont, to ſerve in the Netherlands; they will be commanded by the Hereditary Prince, who is to act the approching Campaign as General of the Horſe of this State. The Liſt of our general Officers for the Campaign is ſeuled: One of the Provinces was againſt making any new ones. The States of the Province of Holland, have ſeparated for ſome Days: Before they broke up, they paſs'd a vigorous Reſolution to ſupport the Deputies of the Ommelands in the Province of Groninghen in their Rights, which they take to have been violated in the Affair of admitting their Stadholder to his Oath, as I related in one of my former.

P. S. 'They write from Brabant, that a French Man of War of the Dunkirk Squadron, having on board 8 Companies of the Regiment of Boulonois, was caſt away; and that 2 Ships of that Squadron are return'd into Dunkirk, much diſabled;

'bled; by the ſtormy Weather the Night between 'the 20th and 21ſt Inſtant. 10 Engliſh and Dutch 'Men of War are arriv'd at Oſtend, to convoy the 'Tranſports with the Troops for England.

" General Officers appointed by the States for the " approaching Campaign in the Netherlands.

Velt-Marſhal. *M.* d'Auverquerque.

Generals of Horſe. Count de Tilly, Hereditary Prince of Heſſe-Caſſel.

Generals of Foot. The Prince of Naſſau Friſeland. Sauſch.

Lieutenant Generals of Horſe. Albemarle, Dopft, Dompre, Hompeſch, Ooſtfriſe, Oyen.

Lieutenant Generals of Foot. Fagel; Heuckelum, Dedem, Oxenſtern, Sparr, Holſtein-Beck.

We refer the Names of the Majors General and Brigadiers (as leſs material) to our next.

The Extract of a Letter &c.

'The French King has written a circular Letter 'to all his Miniſters in foreign Countries, in the 'Form of a Manifeſto. In which he ſays, that the 'pretended Prince of Wales, whom he ſtiles King 'of England, having been invited by his faithful 'Subjects of Scotland, to go and take Poſſeſſion of 'that Kingdom, and the Matter being communi-'cated to his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, he could not 'bring himſelf to a Reſolution upon it, till he was 'ſatisfied the Project was laid on ſure Grounds. 'That at length, to reſtore the young Prince to the 'Throne of his Anceſtors, to vindicate the Royal 'Dignity injur'd in the Perſon of his Father James 'the 2d, to reſcue the Scots from the Oppreſſion 'they ſuffer by the Union with England, and to eaſe 'the People of the three Kingdoms of the Impoſi-'tions with which they are burthen'd for maintain-'ing a War which is foreign to thoſe Nations, and 'in which they ought not in any Manner to concern 'themſelves, he took a Reſolution to fit out his 'Ships and to furniſh his Troops and Generals, for 'executing ſo good a Deſign, whatever it coſt him; 'in giving which Money, Arms, Ammunition and 'Proviſions neceſſary, to that young Monarch, he 'takes upon him only to do an Act of Juſtice. That 'the Chevalier Nangy had already landed at Eden-'burgh Arms and Ammunition, and had ſeen the 'young King Proclaim'd. That that King does 'does not go to Scotland to ſet up a Title on Con-'queſt, but to re-eſtabliſh there the antient Form of 'Government according to the Laws which have 'been in Uſe ſo many Ages. That he will receive 'with Favour and Cordiality the Subjects of the 'three Kingdoms who ſhall come in to acknowledge 'him. That he will make no Change in Religion, 'nor in their Privileges, but rather maintain them as 'did King William. And That he has no other Deſign 'than to Govern his Kingdoms according to the an-'tient Uſages. Theſe are pretty near the Contents of 'that Letter, which concludes, that if this Enter-'prize ſucceeds, it will open the Way to a general 'Peace.

Shields, March 16. Yeſterday Sail'd from our Harbour about one hundred Sail of laden Colliers, for the Thames, under Convoy of the Strumbelo and Newport Men of War.

Deale, March 18. Her Majeſty's Ships the Norwich Woolwich, Tilbury, and Litchfield, came in hither Yeſterday in the Afternoon, with the homeward bound Eaſt India Ships &c from Spithead: But the Litchfield ſail'd through with the Merchant-Ships for the River. Her Majeſty's Ships the Orford, Swiftſure, Weymouth, Swallow, and Maidſtone, ſail'd Yeſterday to joyn our Fleet. Here ſtill remain her Majeſty's Ships the Torbay, Norwich, Woolwich, Tilbury, Sheerneſs, and Martha Hoſpital-ſhip, and this Morning came down her Majeſty's Ships Lenox, Ipſwich, Nottingham, and Dunwich.

London, March 20.

Yeſterday Morning arriv'd an Expreſs from Edinburgh, with Advice, that the 13th Inſtant at 10 in the Morning Sir George Bing came in Sight of the French Squadron, and chac'd them to the Northward of Buccaneſs; the French made the beſt of their Way from him; the 14th early in the Morning, the Salisbury belonging to the Enemy was taken, being boarded by the Leopard.

In her were taken the Marquis de Levy Lieutenant General, his Aid de Camp, 1 Collonel, 2 Lieutenants Collonel, 5 Captains, 2 Lieutenants *French*; 15 *Iriſh* Lieutenants of the Regiment of O Brian, 5 Companies of the Regiment of Bearne, about 30 Men of the Regiment of O Brian; The Chevalier Nangy Commander of the Ship, My Lord Griffin, My Lord Clermont Collonel in the Regiment of Lee, Mr. Middleton Captain in the Regiment of Nugent; with divers other Officers: The whole Number of Perſons found on board is above 700, of which 250 are the Ship's Company.

The Priſoners reported, that there were 12 Battallions on board the Squadron, commanded by the Count de Gace; and that *M.* de Forbin had on board his own Ship, the Pretender, and the Lords Middleton and Perth. After a ſhort Chace the ſaid 14th in the Morning, Sir George Bing loſt Sight of the Enemy; and having no Hopes of coming up with them agen, lay off and on Buccaneſs all that Day, and the 15th return'd to the Fyrth of Forth.

At the Deſire of ſeveral Perſons of Quality.

By her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this preſent Saturday, being the 20th of March, will be preſented a Comedy call'd, Love for Love. The part of Ben to be perform'd by Mr Dogget, Sir Sampſon Legend by Mr. Eſtcourt, Valentine by Mr Wilks, Scandal by Mr. Booth, Tattle by Mr. Pack, Foreſight by Mr. Johnſon, Trainland by Mr. Norris, Jeremy by Mr. Bowen, Angelica by Mrs. Oldfield, Mrs Foreſight by Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Frail by Mrs Barry, Miſs Prue by Mrs Bicknell, Nurſe by Mrs. Willis. And on Monday next will be preſented a Play call'd, Mithridates King of Pontus. For the Benefit of Mrs. Rogers.

At the Deſire of ſeveral Perſons of Quality.

AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, this preſent Saturday, being the 20th of March, will be preſented the laſt new Opera call'd, Love's Triumph. The part of Eurilla to be perform'd by Signiora Sagoni The Dances, Ghorus's, and other Entertainments, being properly introduc'd as on Foreign Stages Boxes 8s Pit 5 s. Firſt Gallery 3 s. Upper Gallery 1 s. 6 d. Stage Boxes half a Guinea. To begin preciſely at 6 a Clock. No Perſon to ſtand upon the Stage.

The Court of Aſſiſtants of the Corporation for making Hollow Sword Blades in England do hereby give Notice, That a General Court of the Members of the ſaid Corporation will be held at their Houſe in Birchin-Lane, on Monday the 22d Inſtant, at 9 of the Clock in the Forenoon preciſely, on ſpecial Affairs.

A Brewhouſe on Rotherif Wall near Fountain-Stairs, ſituated near the Water ſide, is to be Let, with all Utenſils fiting for a Brewer. Inquire of Mr. Wm Stevens, Merchant, near the ſame place.

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At the Feathers Tavern in James ſtreet, Covent-Garden, are to be Sold all the Goods of Major Cooke and his Wife, being both lately deceas'd, viz. Beds and Bedding, Ruſſia Leather and Cane Chairs, Tables and Looking-Gliſſes, all the Linnen, an eight Clock in a Flower'd Caſe, all the Furniture of Kitchin and Leaden Ciſterns. The Sale to begin on Monday the 22d Inſtant, and continue till Thurſday Note, The Houſe is to be Let, and a Rich Sign and Irons to be Sold.

For SALE by the CANDLE.

On Tueſday the 23d Inſtant, at 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the Great Cuſtom-houſe, London, a Parcel of Eaſt-India Goods and Luſtrings, which are Seized and Condemned according to Law, and are to be ſeen at the Queen's Ware-houſe, in the Cuſtom-houſe above-mentioned, this Day the 20th, and Monday the 22d Inſtant, from 8 to 12, and from 2 till 5, and on Tueſday from 8 to 12 at Noon

This Day is publiſh'd.

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